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Attorney Docket No. 23632-002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Chen *et al.* CONFIRMATION NO.: 3675
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/461,336 EXAMINER : Bryan J. Jaketic
FILING DATE : December 15, 1999 ART UNIT : 3627
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY FOR RESTAURANTS
AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

REPLY UNDER 37 C. F. R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This is a response to a final Office Action mailed September 9, 2003 (Paper No. 17).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 27 of this paper.

It is believed that a one-month extension is required. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23632-002).